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Partnership Process Deserves — A Closer Look

We have b een taking a closer look at Central Virginia Tomorrow - A Partnership Process.

There is no reason the Process will not work in the Central Virginia Planning District as long as the planners and committee members remember the rural areas in the district.

We recently attended a Planning Committee meeting at which a member of the consulting firm, American City Corporation, was present. The representative has performed acts of consultation for Columbia, Md., Hartford, Conn. and Jacksonville, Fla. among other cities in the U.S.

None of the cities mentioned by the consulting representative have an agrarian economy such as we find in the area around Lynchburg, which is the hub of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission.

The Process is challenging, but it can overcome the problems it will face if the people involved in its are really committed. The program must constantly enrich itself by seeking out opinions of residents, all the residents in the area, or it will stagnate.

It was with some disappointment that we learned that most of, if not all, the key speakers at the seminar and workshop to be conducted at Blacksburg next month have backgrounds in urban affairs and none have the experience of rural problems.

There will be presentations on urban transit, urban economy, urban renewal and education, but what about a forester, or a representative from the Department of Agriculture? None are scheduled at the present time.

The people of Appomattox County and Bedford, Campbell and Amherst counties really are not concerned with a rapid transit system, nor are they deeply involved with urban renewal or urban economy. The rural people are concerned with a better crop yield or controlling crop killing insects. Should not these people also be represented at a regional workshop?

We don't imply that the Process is bad, only that it needs to incorporate programs and policies directed to improving rural life as well as urban enrichment.

Unless this program remains alert to the feelings and needs of all the people, it will die.

Agriculture Big User of Petroleum

Philadelphia. "Agriculture uses more petroleum than any other single industry in the nation," Joseph A. LaSala, Administrator for Region III, Federal Energy Administration said today. The energy needs of all phases of the industry account for approximately 13 percent of our total energy use.

"fea recognizes agriculture's vital role and has placed farmers in the highest priority category, entitling them to 100 percent of their current requirements," he said.

Last year, the nation's food supply came from 354 million acres of cropland. Each of these acres, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, required an average of 22 gallons of fuel. This year's agricultural fuel demands are even greater, because farmers will require an additional 220 million gallons of fuel in order to put 10 million more acres in production.

LaSala said the increased demand for agricultural production and the reduced supply of energy could mean an additional strain on the agricultural industry. "To assist the farmer," he said, "FEA has published a new pamphlet - Handling Fuel Problems - Agriculture - which contain s conservation check lists and guidelines for solving farm fuel problems.

The pamphlet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 for twenty-five cents (stock no. 5600-00003).

The Regional energy chief stressed the need for on-the-farm conservation programs. "This year the U.S. must achieve a higher agricultural output with limited fuel supplies. Only through conservation can we assure each farmer enough fuel to meet his needs," he said.

FmHA to Guarantee Emergency Livestock and Poultry Loans

Financial assistance to livestock and poultry producers under the Emergency Livestock Credit Act will become available next week through a new loan guarantee authority of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), a rural credit service of the U S. Department of Agriculture.

R. A. Goodling, FmHA State Director, said agency will be prepared to implement the recently-enacted law by guaranteeing up to 80 percent of possible loss on loans made by legally organized lenders to livestock and poultry producers.

Under terms of the act, the loan guarantee program will be in effect through July 25, 1975. It may be extended for 6 months beyond that date if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that it is needed to help the livestock industry obtain sufficient credit.

The law calls for loans to be made by banks or other legally organized lenders. Mr. Goodling said producers are urged to make application to, and complete loan arrangements with lending institutions. The lender in turn will ask FmHA for a loan guarantee if one is required. The lender will process the application, close the loan and service it.

The maximum loan to any single borrower that can be assisted by an FmHA guarantee is $250,000. Loans will be repayable in 3 years, although renewal for 2 years may be authorized. Interest rates are determined between borrower and lender.

Mr. Goodling said the agency is authorized to guarantee up to 80 percent of loss a lender may incur on loans to bonafide farmers and ranchers who breed, raise, fatten or market beef and dairy cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, chickens and turkeys. A majority of the borrower's income must come from the operation, and a majority portion of the borrower's time must be devoted to the livestock or poultry production.

In the case of a corporation or partnership, assistance can be extended only when the majority partners or stockholders are primarily engaged in livestock or poultry production.

FmHA guarantees will be made only when the bonafide farmer or rancher cannot obtain financing without a guarantee. Loans may not be used to expand operations.

Mr. Goodling said the county FmHA office serving the area where the borrower's livestock or poultry operations are conducted will handle requests from lenders for guarantees, or supply information on the loan guarantee program.

The FmHA office serving Appomattox and Campbell Counties is located at Appomattox, Va.

Region III consists of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Law Passed Extending G. I. Bill Education Benefits

Legislation recently passed by the Congress and signed into law by the President extends the period in which veterans may take advantage of their G. I. Bill Educational Benefits from 8 years to 10 years after the date of separation from active duty. This is very important to veterans who were separated from active duty between January 31, 1955 and June 1, 1966. These veterans were given 8 years from June 1, 1966 in which to use their educational benefits. The eligibility period for using these benefits would have ended May 31, 1974 if the two year extension had not been passed. Veterans who have not used these benefits are encouraged to contact the Coordinator of Veterans Affairs, Central Virginia Community College. CVCC has programs with a length of two years or less in the following areas:

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A high school diploma is not required for admission to the college. Developmental courses are offered in math and English and may be taken concurrently with college courses.

Vepco Announces Dividend

The Board of Directors of Virginia Electric and Powr Company today declared the Company's 186th consecutive quarterly dividend. The dividend of 29 ½ cents per share for common stock is payable Sept. 20, 1974, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Aug. 30, 1974.

The board also declared quarterly dividends on the following 12 series of preferred stock: $1.25 per share on the $5.00 dividend preferred; $1.01 per share on the $4.04 dividend preferred; $1.05 per share on the $4.20 dividend preferred; $1.03 per share on the $4.12 dividend preferred; $1.20 per share on the $4.80 dividend preferred; $1.93 per share on the $7.72 dividend preferred; $2.21 per share on the $8.84 dividend preferred; $1.8625 per share on the $7.45 dividend preferred; $1.80 per share on the $7.20 dividend preferred; $1.93 per share on the $7.72 dividend preferred (1972 series); $1.83125 per share on the $7.325 dividend preferred; and $2.10 per share on the $8.40 dividend preferred stock.

All dividends are payable Sept. 20, 1974 to stockholders of record at the close of business on Aug. 30, 1974.

The Company also reported earnings for the 12 months ending July 31, 1974, of $1.55 per share, compared to $2.18 for the corresponding period last year, based on 5.2 million more shares now outstanding.

For the 12-month period ending July 31, 1974, the Company reported operating revenues of $622,148,743, dividend requirements for preferred stock of $27,619,222 and balance for common of $77,-692,430. The comparable figures for the period ending July 31, 1973, were operating revenues of $521,762,147, dividend requirements for preferred stock of $21,217,469 and balance for common of $97,-761,465.

The Company also reported a net operating loss for the month of July. Operating revenues for July were $68,-236,940, with a net loss of $1,023,306. In July, 1973, the Company had operating revenues of $51,509,167 and net income of $10,606,889.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, September 22, 1974.

Topic: Unifying a People.

Scripture: Joshua 24

"The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." Joshua 24:24.

In a sense, the event related in Joshua 24, the basis of this week's International Sunday School lesson, was the popular ratification of a constitution for the emerging nation of Israel.

Joshua's great mission was to lead the people of Israel in the final phase of their pilgrimage from slavery in Egypt into the land of promise and in conquering that land from its inhabitants. Much of the land was conquered, though some pockets remained in the hand of the occupants. The land which was conquered was divided among the tribes and the tribal territory among the people, so that each family received an inheritance of land.

After the people had settled on their grants, Joshua called an assembly of the nation in Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of the 12 tribes to attend. There he presented to them the choice of a religion: the gods their fathers had worshipped in the long ago in Mesopotamia, before Abraham had received God's call to leave Ur of the Chaldeans; or the gods their ancestors had worshipped when they were slaves in Egypt; or the gods of the people into whose land they had come; or the God who had delivered them from slavery in Egypt and brought them through the wilderness wandering into the land of promise.

We may think the choice Joshua offered Israel a rhetorical exercise, but it was not. In those times, in popular concept, each area had its special and particular gods. These gods had to be propitiated to secure good crop yields and healthy flocks and business success, so people generally thought. It was no light matter for people moving from one place to another to make choice of a religion or of gods.

With characteristic forthrightness, Joshua announced to the assembly at Shechem his choice for himself and his family, the God of deliverance. The people then made the same choice, declared their allegiance to God, and entered into covenant with Him. In this covenant they accepted the laws God had given them as the laws for their nation. In effect they chose God as their king, making their nation a theocracy. This was the concept of government their gregt leaders, Moses and Joshua, had: God was the true ruler of Israel, and He governed through the judges and other officers of the people. This concept continued to be held and had a great advocate in Samuel, last of the judges and often called first of the prophets.

The meeting at Shechem formally marked the end of wandering and the beginning of a new nation. The start was suspicious. The people solemnly made choice of the God of their deliverance, in effect rejecting the concept of local and tribal gods prevalent among their contemporaries. They affirmed belief in one God. In so doing, they gave a religious foundation to their nation in its emergency and undertook to give for all time a religious character to their nation.

That Israel failed to live up to the commitment made at Shechem is not to the discredit of Joshua and his contemporaries who made it. In the light of history we have learned that the choice of a God to worship, serve, and obey is an individual matter and must be made by each person, no matter what choice his forbears may have made or what choice his neighbors make. For God's covenant to be truly effective, it must be renewed by each individual in every generation. It required the bitter experience of exile and captivity for Israel to realize this. And the concept received its greatest emphasis in the teaching of Jesus.

In calling the assembly at Shechem and calling on the people of Israel to make choice of their religious commitment, Joshua exercised his leadership wisely and loyally. He measured up to his responsibility admirably and thus set a worthy example for all who would live in commitment to God.

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...ristic News

...pressive services ... Galilee Baptist ...nday, Sept. 15th, at ...a.m. service hour. ...g the morning wor- ...s a man comes to ...the sermon was well ...y pastor Lawing. ...and enjoyed the mes- ...ssion.

...ers were brought out ...ssion closely.

...Lawing stated that ...nged to live a good ...h The good life is the ...e which man finds ...happiness here, and ...fe is come. Lovely ...s rendered by the ...y under the direction ...s Lawing. Those who ...services were lifted ...and the music.

...ept Sunday School ...s attended and the ...y be morning was ...y usual. Theme ...g the oppressed." ...was well explained ...nt, and much helpful ...ness gained.

...ed that the Pre-Hayes ...ise rendered at ...and was a success. ...ng or be used for ...d of Va. College, ...The Rev. Mr. ...his choir were ...nt. The program was ...p.m. Sunday, Sept.

...nior Choir of Galilee ...ed to take part in "A ...of First Baptist ...at 6:00 p.m. We trust ...y program was a.

...ular Sunday School ...held at the 10 a.mm. ...nday due to the ...services will be held ...n Land, at the same ...is a notice to all ...Baptist Church and ...ched scholars.

...th Sunday, Sept. ...m will be no Sunday ...f Galilee Baptist ...due to the fact that the ...d West Bound Union ...held at Mount Airy ...0 a.m. We ask as ...possible at attend the ...ched.

...hurts go out to the ...nity in the loss of their ...May God be with you ...ort of sorrow.

...ly for the sick here and ...m. We hope for all a ...recovery. We are happy ...that sister J. C. Webb ...home from the ...e. We trust that sister ...may continue to im-

...derstand that The ...ngsteers celebrated ...anniversary in a very ...Sun., Sept. 15th. at ...at the Elementary ...a very large number

Pamplin

The Pamplin Homemakers Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Henry Covington Thurs., Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. A demonstration on flower arrangements will be given by Mrs. Covington. All members are urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Austin and son, Jeff, of Richmond, spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumby.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Williams and daughter, Pamela, visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz, in Salem last Sunday.

Mrs. Nona Elam, a patient at the Golden Home for the Aged, is now at Hickory Grove Rest Home, Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Richardson have returned from a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Lorie Moore and family, in Washington, N.C.

Miss Emily Williams, a freshman at Madison College, Harrisonburg, visited her parents; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams, last week end.

Homecoming Services will be held at the Evergreen United Methodist Church Sun., Sept. 22. The Rev. Carl F. Paughf, a former pastor, will be the guest minister. To assist the Rev. Durward Fox, pastor, Lunch will be served following the service.

Miss Donna Smith returned to William & Mary College, Williamsburg last Thursday after spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Earl Smith.

Mr. Billy Massey returned home last week from Virginia Baptist Hospital after undergoing eye surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Price visited their sons and families in Richmond last week end.

Mrs. Ralph Kress underwent surgery at Va. Baptist Hospital last week.

turned out to the program. The program was as usual a great success. Others who took part on the program were The Heavenly Gospel, from Cullen and the Holiness Singers from Pamplin. Those who were present gave an account of a mighty good program and spent an enjoyable evening with the singers.

In and out of town

Mesdames Lucy Tibbs and Modessa Jordan have returned home after visiting their son and brother, Mr. McKinley Tibbs, who is still on the sick list in Maryland.

Mrs. J. Lawing Shrock and Mr. Tim Lawing are visiting their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Lawing, over the week end.

See you next week!!!

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